

Sanctuary Light Dedication

This week's Sanctuary Light
has been dedicated
'In Memory of David Hughes'



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If you have an item that you wish to be added to
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Registered charity Number: 1143492

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Barry Tootill, Joan Joyce,
Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen,
Brian Schofield, Laura Devall, Nicola Selby,
Nancy Birtwhistle, Ann Nield,
Richard Patterson, Philip Pearson,
Alex Percy, Robert Haslam, Hannah Wild;
All in nursing homes, care homes or
hospices; We also pray for anyone who is
awaiting test results.



RIP: Carol Baines;
27th - Ronald Kearsley, George Horrocks;
28th - William Ellis, Alan Clarke;
29th - William Hilton, Gerald Gelder,
Jim Thorpe;
30th - Eric Underford, Kathleen Mugan;
Oct 1st - Colin Pickering, Joan Worrall;
2nd - Eric Deighton, Norman Winterbottom,
Gordon Taylor;
3rd - Rose Brooks;

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festivals
will be held on

**Sunday, 11th October and
Thursday, 15th October.**

Thank you to everyone who has donated
items for the food bank so far. We will
continue to collect food each week during
the Season of Creation. If you are able,
please consider bringing an item each of the
remaining weeks of the season.
There will also be a cash collection in which
all proceeds will go to Embrace Middle East
which means we will be twinning with
olive trees in the Palestinian West Bank.
Thank you.

Welcome to St Matthew and St Luke, Chadderton

*"Living out our call to share the
Gospel in Faith, Hope and Love"*

**27th September 2026
17th Sunday after Trinity
HYMNS**

54, 135, 352, 77, 448, 67, 511

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 27th

9:00am Choral Eucharist

Tuesday, 29th

9:30am Parent & Toddler

12:30pm Luncheon Club

2:00pm Drop In

Thursday, 1st Oct

10:00am Dressmaking

6:00pm All Age Service

7:15pm Choir Practice

Denis Barrott

Denis' ashes will be interred in the
churchyard on

Sunday, 11th October at 10:00am.

Revd Ian Butterworth will officiate.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-end

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Second Reading

Philippians 2. 1-13

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God

who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel

Matthew 21. 23-32

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.